August 18, 2004

Mr. Prescott C. Snyder Airports Environmental Program Manager Federal Aviation Administration 2300 East Devon Avenue Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Re: Consistency Determination Gary/Chicago Airport

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter is to inform you that the Lake Michigan Coastal Program has found in its initial determination that this project is consistent with the laws of Indiana. Please note that upon issuance of this initial determination there is an additional Public Comment Period of 5 days in duration. We will issue a final determination of consistency by 9/14/04. This initial determination indicates that the applicable state regulatory agencies have reviewed the information provided and find that this project, with the supplied information, does not violate any applicable state laws. Please note that this does not relieve you of the requirement to obtain the appropriate state and federal permits. Once additional clarification is presented in the Final EIS with identified impacts and prior to Federal Permit approval, the project sponsor should seek Consistency Review.

Should you have any questions regarding this determination please feel free to contact me either via email at mmolnar@dnr.state.in.us or via phone at 317-233-0132.

Sincerely

Mike Molnar Lake Michigan Coastal Program Manager, Federal Consistency Coordinator

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